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SUBJ: BALUCHISTAN - PRESIDENT' S RULE EXTENDED; NAP MARCH 16
" BLACK DAY" PEACEFUL

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BEGIN SUMMARY: MARCH 16 PRESIDENT BHUTTO
EXTENDED PRESIDENTIAL RULE IN BALUCHISTAN FOR
ANOTHER 30 DAYS. MARCH 16 NAP PROTEST DAY
IN BALUCHISTAN PASSED WITH NO REPORTED
INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE. PROTEST ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED
BY EX- CHIEF MINISTER MENGAL' S HOUR AND HALF ADDRESS
IN QUETTA, IN WHICH HE REITERATED KNOWN NAP
POSITIONS AND PREDICTED BUGTI WOULD GO WAY OF
OTHER ONE- TIME BHUTTO COLLABORATORS. END SUMMARY

1. MARCH 17 PRESS REPORTS PRESIDENT BHUTTO
EXTENDED PRESIDENT RULE IN BALUCHISTAN FOR ANOTHER
30 DAYS BY PROCLAMATION EVENING MARCH 16. ACTION
JUSTIFIED ON BASIS REPORT FROM GOVERNOR THAT
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UNABLE FUNCTION IN ACCORDANCE
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WITH THE INTERIM CONSTITUTION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN.

2. THERE ARE CONFLICTING PRESS REPORTS REGARDING SUCCESS OF NAP- SPONSORED " BLACK DAY" OF PROTEST AGAINST FEBRUARY 15 DISMISSAL BALUCHISTAN AND NWFP GOVERNORS AND IMPOSITION PRESIDENTIAL RULE IN BALUCHISTAN. HOWEVER, NO REPORTS MENTION ANY

SIGNIFICANT DISTURBANCES IN QUETTA OR OTHER CENTERS OF POPULATION, WHERE DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE. PRINCIPAL EVENT REPORTED WAS HOUR AND HALF SPEECH BY EX- CHIEF MINISTER MENGAL IN QUETTA IN WHICH HE WARNED IF " USURPERS OF THE PEOPLES' RIGHTS" OPTED FOR POLITICS OF VIOLENCE THIS CHALLENGE WOULD BE MET WITH ALL COURAGE AND FORTITUDE. MENGAL REITERATED CHARGE THAT THOSE ACCUSING NAP OF SECCESSIONIST TENDENCIES WERE THEMSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OF EAST PAKISTAN. IN ADDITION TO CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ARMY ELEMENTS FROM INTERIOR OF BALUCHISTAN, HE DEMANDED THOROUGH PROBE OF ARMS SMUGGLING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST NAP, ADDING IF CHARGES DISAPPROVED THOSE MAKING ALLEGATIONS SHOULD BE PUNISHED. MENGAL CONDEMNED ROLE OF TWO QUETTA URDU DAILIES JANG AND MASHRIQ, CALLED FOR BOYCOTT OF THEM AND ASKED HIS LISTENERS TO READ HURRIYET AND SHAHBAZ OF PESHAWAR. EX- CHIEF MINISTER WARNED GOVERNOR BUGTI THAT BHUTTO WOULD NOT RESCUE HIM IF HE PLAYED WITH SENTIMENTS OF THE PEOPLE, AND PREDICTED HE FACED SAME FATE AS EX- MINISTERS OF STATE MERAJ MOHAMMAD KHAN, AKBAR KHAN AND EX- GOVERNOR OF SIND MIR RASUL BUX TALPUR. ALSO NOTED ARREST OF HIS SON AND SERVANTS IN KARACHI ( SEE COMMENT).

3. COMMENT: CONDUCT OF PROTEST DAY INDICATES BALUCHISTAN NAP CONTINUING TO FOLLOW POLICY OF LIMITING ITS POLITICAL PRESSURE ON OPPONENTS TO NON-VIOLENT ACTIVITES. MENGALS' ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARRESTS CONFIRMED BY KARACHI PRESS MARCH 17 WHICH REPORTED FOUR OF MENGAL' S SERVANTS ARRESTED MARCH 16 FOR OFFENSE AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER COMMITTED LAST MONTH. MENGAL' S SON REPORTEDLY ALSO TAKEN BUT RELEASED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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